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Dear Ed,

There is not much one can do about such dishonesties as those of Kaplan and the Times. They can ruin a book, tho.

All I know about the NYC suit is that Jerry heard of it on Channel 5 news. Nobody here, including at the CTIA, has heard of it and they assure me it is not Sprague's. I have an interest, especially in the "still under investigation" part.

Some time ago Bud wrote a book on intrusions into privacy. That is the only one of which I know. He doesn't discuss such things with me and is really pretty far out on all aspects of this subject. I'm glad you sent me the thing from Computers, which is farther out (that is, even he can't abide some of what they do). I had a considerable interest in Bolden and developed much information. Bud and Garrison both had separate interests. Lane horned in on that trip just to publicize himself. I had a section in COUP on Bolden, but two things make me believe he is sick: his behavior after release (despite what Bud says he has not served his sentence, he is in a parole-like situation for the balance of it) and the names he gave Alcock and Lane. They are not the names of the people sought in Chicago, from everything I have been able to learn. I did find a similar if not identical case in Chicago, but it was nothing. I believe the real fear in Chicago was Vallee, also in COUP. Neither Hosmer nor Bolden's wife would respond to me or those I sent to see her or prison friends of his. As time went on, this, too made me wonder. And when he consented to be interviewed by the maniacal Skolnick, all doubt disappeared. From what I can learn from inside the SS, the attitude there seems to be one of sympathy toward him and to regard him as sick. This may all be wrong, but on balance, I have changed my mind about him.

The problem with Bud's book will be that of his speaking, it is wild and if he has anything new and of value, it is unknown to me. He doesn't do that kind of work. He pays for having it done, and he is so desperate he deliberately violates confidences in the vain hope of accomplishing something, unfortunately, in each case ruining it. Until I learned the hard way, he blew some of my best stuff.

His intentions, however, are the best. It is tragic.

I don't see Computers and I am glad to keep up with their wierd doings.

Thanks,